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Art Unit 1625

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/816,893; Filed: April 5, 2004
For: **Substituted N'-(Arylcarbonyl)-Benzhydrazides, N'-(Arylcarbonyl)-Benzylidene-hydrazides and Analogs as Activators of Caspases and Inducers of Apoptosis and the Use Thereof**
Inventors: CAI *et al.*
Our Ref: 1735.0560002/RWE/BSA

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 with attached Exhibit A; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 26, 2005, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 10272005), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.